

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (currently amended) A computer-readable recording medium recorded with an information disclosure program for disclosing selected parts of a document to be made public, the program comprising the steps of:

~~locating~~retrieving at least one character string of non-disclosure in ~~the~~an original document by referring to ~~an auxiliary storage unit storing a~~ non-disclosure dictionary which contains said at least one character string of non-disclosure in association with at least one corresponding reason;

converting said original document to a XML formatted document;

embedding a tag ~~of non-disclosure~~ and the reason of non-disclosure corresponding to the retrieved character string which registered in the ~~XML formatted document according to said~~ said non-disclosure dictionary; ~~and in said XML formatted document;~~

replacing the character string to which the tag of non-disclosure is given to a meaningless character string, when the original document is accessed; and

when the character string corresponding to the tag of non-disclosure in retrieving said XML formatted document matches the character string of compulsory disclosure by referring to a compulsory disclosure dictionary which contains at least one character string of compulsory disclosure associated with at least one corresponding reason,

replacing the retrieved tag of non-disclosure with the tag for compulsory disclosure, and the retrieved reason of non-disclosure with the reason for compulsory disclosure, which are registered in said compulsory disclosure dictionary.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) An information disclosure apparatus for disclosing selected parts of a document to be made public, ~~comprising:~~

an auxiliary storage unit for storing a non-disclosure dictionary which ~~manages~~registers a character string of ~~compulsory non-disclosure attaching~~associated with its corresponding reason and a compulsory disclosure dictionary which registers a character string of compulsory

disclosure associated with its corresponding reason;

a means for retrieving ~~the~~ at least one character string of non-disclosure from ~~in an~~ original document ~~by referring to the dictionary registered in the auxiliary storage unit~~ said non-disclosure dictionary;

a means for embedding the tag and the reason of non-disclosure corresponding to the retrieved character string which registered in the said non-disclosure dictionary in said XML formatted document; and

a means for replacing the ~~character string which the~~ retrieved tag of non-disclosure is given to a meaningless character string, when the original document is accessed; and

a means for replacing the retrieved tag of non-disclosure with the tag for compulsory disclosure, and the retrieved reason of non-disclosure with the reason for compulsory disclosure, when the character string corresponding to the tag of non-disclosure in retrieving said XML formatted document matches the character string of compulsory disclosure by referring to said compulsory disclosure dictionary.

4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) A method for disclosing selected parts of a document to be made public, comprising the steps of:

~~locating~~ retrieving at least one character string of non-disclosure in ~~the~~ an original document by referring to ~~an auxiliary storage unit storing a~~ non-disclosure dictionary which contains said at least one character string of non-disclosure in association with at least one corresponding reason;

converting said original document to a XML formatted document;

embedding a tag and the reason of non-disclosure corresponding to the retrieved character string which registered in the said non-disclosure dictionary in said XML formatted document; and

replacing the character string to which the tag of non-disclosure is given to a meaningless character string, when the original document is accessed; and

if the character string corresponding to the tag of non-disclosure in locating the document matches the character string of compulsory disclosure by referring to a dictionary wherein contains at least one character string of compulsory disclosure associated with at least one corresponding reason,

replacing the retrieved tag of non-disclosure with the tag for compulsory disclosure, and the retrieved reason of non-disclosure with the reason for compulsory disclosure, when the character string of non-disclosure corresponding to the retrieved tag is found in the said

dictionary.

6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) A method for selecting parts of a document to be disclosed, comprising:

 matching a character string of non-disclosure in the document to an at least one character string of non-disclosure, when the document is accessed; and

 replacing the character string of non-disclosure with a meaningless character string according to a reason, when there is said character string of non-disclosure in a dictionary.